

This Monday, June 2, FCC Chair Michael Powell will hold his vote on media consolidation and deregulation. There's nothing special or legally binding about this rapidly approaching date -- it's has, as I understand, been set arbitrary by Mr. Powell.

The vote will conclude a process which has shown deliberate disregard for the views and opinions of the American people. Mr. Powell has refused to even release the actual language of the proposed rule change -- I understand that this information will not be made public until after the vote and that he's only held a single meeting to hear the views of the public.

Even when a bipartisan group of Senators requested that he allow further time for Congress to discuss the impact of this policy change, Mr. Powell has not respected their request.

I urge Chair Powell to hear the request of our Senators and respect their and our demand for further discussion. This matter is of utmost importance to insure the foundation of our democracy--a well-informed public who gain their news and entertainment from a wide-range of viewpoints.

Thank you